

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended): A process for preparing an industrial polyester multifilament yarn, comprising ~~the steps of~~:
 - A) melt-extruding a polyester polymer having ethylene terephthalate units of 90 mol% or more and passing the extruded yarn through a delay quenching zone and then a quenching zone to solidify the yarn to have an intrinsic viscosity of 0.88 or more;
 - B) oiling and taking up the undrawn yarn at an appropriate speed with the density of 1.338 to 1.365 g/cm³; and
 - C) drawing the ~~yarns yarn~~ yarn at the glass transition temperature or lower in three stages with the proviso that the draw ratio is greater in the 1st stage than in the 2nd stage or the 3rd stage and greater in the 3rd stage than in the 2nd stage, heat-setting the drawn ~~yarns yarn~~, relaxing heat-set ~~yarns yarn~~, and winding the resulting ~~yarns yarn~~,
[whereby said] to obtain an industrial polyester multifilament yarn ~~has~~ having a terminal modulus of 35 g/d or less and a tenacity of 7.2 g/d or more.
2. (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1, wherein the yarn is drawn at a total draw ratio of 1.5 to 2.5.
3. (Canceled)